

**Driving:**

**Some potential hazards and recommended actions:**

Wet weather	Tyre grip is reduced and possibly also visibility, <b>Reduce Speed</b>
Snow/Frost	Tyre grip is reduced and possibly also visibility, <b>Consider is journey necessary, check for reports of road conditions, reduce speed.</b>
Black Ice	
Leaves	Tyre grip is reduced, <b>Reduce Speed</b>
Low sunshine	Ability to see is hampered, <b>Reduce Speed and use Visor</b>
Foggy conditions	Visibility can be seriously restricted, <b>Consider is journey necessary, reduce speed and use Fog Lights</b>
School children (winter)	School children can be difficult to see when there are dark mornings and afternoons particularly on wet and overcast days, <b>Reduce Speed and be alert in built up areas and close to schools.</b>
Children (summer)	Children can be encountered especially in urban areas, <b>Be vigilant to their presence and reduce speed in built up areas.</b>
Farm vehicles	The frequency of farm vehicles using roads increases during summer months and they normally travel at lower speeds to general traffic, <b>Be vigilant to their presence and reduce speed where signs indicate their presence.</b>
Farm animals	Farm animals can be encountered on roads when being brought to different pastures or back to the farm for milking, <b>Be vigilant to their presence and reduce speed where signs indicate their presence.</b>
Holiday traffic	Higher Traffic volumes can be expected during summer months especially at bank holiday weekends and the Christmas period, <b>Delays can be expected and plan journeys accordingly.</b>
Road Works	Possible traffic hold-ups, hazardous road conditions, <b>Be vigilant to their presence, reduce speed and check for reports on roads works in the media.</b>

**Considerations for the People who use Cheshire services:**

Long journeys	Are rest stops required, <b>Plan ahead for location and suitability of facilities.</b>
Medication	Is medication or oxygen required, <b>Plan ahead and if oxygen needs to be transported then ensure that it is safely and securely stored.</b>
Temperature	Temperature can be difficult to control in the back of vehicles, <b>Enquire if the temperature is at a comfortable level and adjust accordingly.</b>
Radio	If the volume of a radio is too high or too low it can be an irritant, <b>Enquire if the radio can be heard in the back of the vehicle and adjust accordingly.</b>

**Driving alone:**

***This can apply to drivers driving their own vehicle on Cheshire business and people driving Cheshire vehicles.***

Valuables      Keep any valuables including briefcase, handbag, jackets etc out of sight. Always lock the doors and keep the windows closed as much as possible. It is not uncommon for these to be stolen from cars stopped in traffic.

- **If** you think you are being followed drive straight into the car park of the nearest Garda Station, or failing that to a busy public place, e.g. a garage forecourt. Trust your instincts, don't tell yourself that you're imagining things.
- **Never** give lifts to strangers regardless of the circumstances.
- **Remember** your horn. If someone approaches your windows, or a car seems to be trying to make you stop, use it. Noise is a proven deterrent to attackers.
- **If** you carry a mobile phone make sure it is charged & has credit.